

## Power Reading Classic Chapter Books/Treasure Island

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Edition - First

Grade Level	Fifth Grade Sixth Grade
Readability Level	5.0 to 6.0
Course / Content	Handwriting Language Arts Literature Reading Speech Spelling Teaching Reading to ESL Writing
List Price:	89.95
Wholesale Price	89.95000000000003

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Content	Power Reading is an integral part of the Carbo Reading Styles Program, which also includes staff development. The Power Reading series features fiction and non-fiction stories audio recorded in a special way to promote improvement in language arts skills, including fluency, comprehension, word recognition, pronunciation, spelling and more. Marie Carbo's special phrasing and slow-paced recording method helps students to read text above their reading level in a short time. The high-interest, illustrated text involves students immediately and keeps them on task. Each Classic title contains twelve, high-interest, audio-recorded, illustrated chapters, on black-line masters, read using the Carbo Recorded-Book Method, each on a separate audiocassette or CD (one audio cassette or CD per chapter). Follow-up, questions and self-checking, hands-on games based on the story are included.
Student Experiences	Power Reading helps students to "catch on" to what reading is and how it's done. By listening to the text read slowly, with good expression and inflection, students are prompted along by placing their finger under the words as the words are said. The students are asked to read and listen only to brief passages at a time with the help of the slow-paced recording, then to read back to the teacher, a peer or volunteer. The students are allowed to progress at their own rate. By using this technique, students progress quickly, sometimes achieving remarkable reading gains.
Assessment	Each chapter is followed by questions that assess level-appropriate reading skills, such as identifying the main idea, recalling details, drawing conclusions, vocabulary in context, predicting outcomes, recognizing the chronological order of events, identifying cause and effect, distinguishing between fact and opinion, recognizing the author's point of view and the author's purpose, identifying the setting and the plot, summarizing, recognizing an implied main idea, using context clues, recognizing forms of persuasion, comparing and contrasting and identifying the theme. Included is an Answer Key to questions and reproducible Record-Keeping Charts of student progress, along with instructions and recommendations to the teacher. By January 2006, each Power Reading title will also contain a copy of the text reformatted to facilitate word counts per line and a teacher's guide for assessing fluency rates.

**Organization** Every Classic title consists of a binder, containing black-line masters of twelve leveled mini story chapters, each followed by questions based on the story and most state standards. The questions provide practice and focus on grade-appropriate skills, such as main idea, vocabulary in context, drawing conclusions, predicting events, identifying facts and details. Each of the twelve chapters has its own audiocassette or CD to allow the teacher or individual student independence in selecting a story, without conflicting with others. If more than one student wants to listen to the same story, the illustrated text can be reproduced and a listening center can be used. The twelve audiocassettes contain two to three minutes of a story on each tape side; the twelve CDs contain one story each, with Part one and Part two.

**Resource Materials** Instructions and recommendations on how to use the stories and audio recordings, with specific teaching procedures and techniques, are included in each Power Reading binder title. There is an overview of fluency testing and a fluency chart included with

**Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions** N/A

**Available Ancillary Materials** Power Reading Assessment Kit contains 24 leveled, audio-recorded, illustrated Power Reading stories, with line-by-line word counts to assess reading fluency and the best Power Reading level for a particular student. Also allows for scoring comprehension a

#### **Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness**

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**Research Available** YES - provide information below  
There is a compelling body of research available on our Website at [www.nrsi.com](http://www.nrsi.com).

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#### **Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses**

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**Recommendations:** Strictly for intervention

#### **Summary Form**

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|-------|---|--------------------|
| I.    | Technology Component Summary  |                    |
| II.   | Reading Content Summary   | 1.0800000000000001 |
|       | Predictable method for providing fluency and comprehension. Highly structured. Would only take a few minutes daily. Could be independent or small group work. |                    |
| III.  | Writing Content Summary   |                    |
| IV.   | Grammar and Spelling Content Summary  |                    |
| V.    | Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary   |                    |
| VI.   | Inquiry Content Summary   |                    |
| VII.  | Technology Content Summary  |                    |
| VIII. | Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary   | 0.83               |
|       | Teacher would need additional explanation on how to coordinate the program  |                    |
| IX.   | Audience : Student Materials Content Summary  | 0.75               |
|       | High interest with low readability. Materials are used consistently from story to story. Will help students bridge to longer texts.                           |                    |

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| X.  | Format Content Summary  | 1.00 |
| XI. | Ancillary Materials Content Summary   | 1.00 |
|     | Assessment could be used as pre and post test and additional helps for anecdotal record-keeping |      |

**READING CONTENT**

Multiple choice questions do not allow for this

**WRITING CONTENT**

**GRAMMAR AND SPELLING**

**LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING**

**INQUIRY**

**TECHNOLOGY CONTENT**

**AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS**

Lower level  
Lots of on-going assessment, but note requires a written response  
Provides for ability grouping  
Low level questioning

**AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS**

Low level  
Each story provides very similar activities

**FORMAT**

Cassette tapes and handouts may not stand up to student use.

**ANCILLARY MATERIALS**